

Notices for Sunday, September 13, 2020

Lovely People of St Philip's, greetings!

There is a tangible buzz around St Philip's as our two Pre-schools and many other user groups prepare to re-open this coming week. I want to start by saying how much we are looking forward to welcoming them all back after so long in lockdown and to thank our wonderful Verger, Pat and her team, Duncan Wilson and Ash Noetzel for all their hard work over the summer in preparing our church buildings for this unprecedented 'new normal' in our church's history.

As I write this my daughter, Matilda, is waiting, somewhat impatiently, to go to school for the first time. Normally, she would have been over in the playground by now playing with her classmates, but this is the 'new normal' and now she has to wait for her allocated time slot to enter and leave school. Today, throughout BC thousands of Kids and Teachers will be returning to school for the first time experiencing a similar 'new normal' and we wish them all well and pray for their continued safety.

How adaptable we can be when there is need...

We too are adapting to meet the need. We started our first in person service two weeks ago with a new Celtic style service of Evening Prayers - something we have planned for as we move towards becoming a 'mixed ecology' church, as we reach out beyond our walls to those in our community who may not normally come to church. So far, the service has gone well (despite all the restrictions of COVID-19). However, particularly during Phase II, when we can't yet come together to celebrate the Holy Eucharist in person, we have realised the need from within the congregation for a more traditional Anglican service. So, beginning on the 20th Sept and repeating on the 1st & 3rd Sundays we will be offering the beautiful Service of Evensong using the traditional language. Michael will be playing the organ and there will be a cantor to sing the Psalm, Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis. I hope many of you will be able to join us if you feel able to do so.

'New normals' offer new opportunities. Jesus once said, *'the wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit'* (John 3.8). Because we now have the flexibility to reconfigure our church space, due to our lovely new pews, we are able to easily adapt to opportunities as they arise. As those born of the Spirit, we are continually being asked to adapt to the new directions that the Spirit leads. For those who follow Christ, 'new normals' are the way it has always been! As the Book of Common Prayer, where our Service of Evensong comes from, puts it, "As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be. AMEN!"

Stay safe and peace be with you.

Stuart

DATES TO NOTE

September 13 - **Family Service** at 10am Website Worship (not in person).
September 15 - **Trustee Meeting** at 9am via Zoom
September 15 - **Parish Council** at 7.30pm via Zoom
September 20 - **Archbishop Melissa Skelton** will be preaching at our 10am Website Worship (not in person).

NEW PATTERN FOR IN PERSON SERVICES DURING PHASE II

1. Traditional Service of Evensong: 1st & 3rd Sundays, 4:30 PM



Parishioners have asked for a traditional service to resume, the pews will face the altar, and music will be provided by Michael with a cantor singing parts of the service. (See Health Precautions below). After Sept. 20th, traditional Evensong repeats on Oct. 4th & 18th, and so on.

2. Celtic Evening Prayers 2nd & 4th Sundays, 4:30 PM

This is a quiet, contemplative spoken service of Evening Prayer from the Iona tradition lasting approximately 45 minutes, with readings and music, to be held next on Sept. 13th.



Health Precautions for Gatherings Under Reopening Phase Three



There is no shared eucharist or live singing for now, but we can still enjoy instrumental music and recorded singers. In-person services are limited to 50 people and all attendees must wear a mask while in the building. If you forget yours, we will give you one. Please be ready to come in when doors open at 4:20 pm. Greeters will meet you, sign you in, offer hand sanitizer, and guide you to your seat. Please follow their directions. Alert the greeter if you need to enter via the

ramp or need help. One washroom is available. After the service, feel free to gather outside at a distance and chat. It has been wonderful to see people again and catch up.

To allow for contact tracing, you are required to register in advance to attend this service with free ticketing through Eventbrite. This allows us to keep track of the numbers, know who will be attending, and contact you if needed. To arrange a ticket for each person in your group, follow the link below and **select the dates you wish to attend**: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/o/st-philips-anglican-church-30814447722>. If you are unable to access Eventbrite, register with Beth (604-224-3238) before Friday noon.

WEBSITE WORSHIP on stphilipsdunbar.com

Join Stuart Hallam and others in Sunday morning website worship and follow along with the order of service delivered to you on Friday. The services are recorded and posted by Saturday



evening, so you can watch and revisit them at your convenience. These engaging services have been very well received.

Visit our website: <https://www.stphilipsdunbar.com/blog>



PRAYER, CARE AND SHARE

Weekly on Wednesdays via Zoom at 10:00 AM

To join the gathering by phone, dial 778-907-2071. The meeting ID is 2939572088.

On your computer, click the link at 10:00 AM

<https://zoom.us/j/2939572088>

COFFEE HOUR Sundays at 11:00 AM on Zoom

We look forward to seeing **you**. Click the blue link at 11:00 am, using your computer for best results, or join by phone:

<https://zoom.us/j/454815164>

To join any Zoom meeting by phone, dial 778-907-2071, Coffee Hour ID is 454815164.



REFUGEE FAMILY NEWS

Lama has had a full-time kitchen job since June, Sedra (17) works with her on the weekends, Ward (26) has held a painting job for a month, and the four kids start school again this week. Ahmad (12) will attend gr. 7 at Moberly Elementary, and Majd (13) starts gr. 8 in the Literacy Program at Tupper Secondary with his sisters, Sedra and Doha (15). The Literacy Program is a small special class for students who have had little or no schooling, so they attend the class 10:30 – 3:00, without the school expecting them to manage

online studies at home (which their grandparents are unprepared to supervise or support). Debbie Matheson and Mary Lymburner have tutored the four kids up to three times a week from July 3 to Sept. 9 (with time off for good behaviour). Reading progress is very slow for all but Sedra. They appreciate the attention and interaction. Mary also supports various shopping expeditions and medical visits. Onward!

NEIGHBOURHOOD MINISTRY IS BACK!

After a five-month hiatus because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Neighbourhood Ministry's Street Outreach team resumed its weekly activities on Saturday August 29. Safety protocols, approved by the diocesan COVID-19 committee, have been put in place to ensure best practices. The team described their experience as a rewarding outing, meeting about 11 people—some regulars and others new to them—during a four-hour stint on the streets. Following is a report of their experience. For privacy reasons, only initials are used for the people they met.



Reported by Jane Davis and Janice Hope

At 9:45am on Saturday, August 29, Joan Stewart, Jane Davis and Janice Hope (yes, it's a lot of J's) met at St Philip's. With facemasks on, we briefly discussed the COVID protocols and Joan took some pictures to document the first Neighbourhood Ministry outing since March 2020. Jane and Janice, travelling in separate cars with our respective cell numbers, headed out to the first stop: West Point Grey United Church. No one was there, so we continued to St. Helen's to hopefully find *B*. He was not at the church, so we planned our next stops at Jericho Beach and No Frills at 4th & Highbury.

D was happy to see us at No Frills and not sure where everyone else was but said he would let people know we were back for Saturday mornings. We left a packet and some face masks as well as McDonald's and President's Choice cards.

At 4th Avenue we said hello to *P* selling his calendars and left him with a packet and some face masks.

Next to Jericho Beach Parking Lot and the area around the youth hostel, where we didn't find any individuals in the area or vehicles that appeared to possibly be a home. On to our way to VSB, Jane spotted someone sleeping on a bench located between 7th and 8th avenues. We approached and introduced ourselves to a young woman, *J*, who had several pieces of luggage with her and was wrapped in a comforter. She declined our offers of a packet and other supplies, saying she was "Okay."

Back to VSB, we saw *J* at his usual spot. He was happy to receive face masks, a packet and McDonald's and PC cards. We also met *C*, who was resting on a park bench at VSB; he accepted a packet and some cards as well.

Behind the Granville and Broadway McDonald's location, we found *Ba*, who accepted a packet, some cards and facemasks and told us *I* was up by the Firehall library. We did not locate him at the front, but the library staff at the door said there was someone meeting our description behind the library, which is where we found him dozing on a narrow walkway behind the building. We left him with a package.

Down under the Granville Street Bridge, we met *D* and *D*, who, along with two other friends (who were not present), had set up some tents and a common living area. They were happy to accept packets and some cards. Near the cement 100, there was another tent set up with the entrance covered so we were unsure if anyone was present. After identifying ourselves—just in case someone was home—we left a packet by the tent entrance.

Travelling west along Broadway, we met *S* outside Tim Hortons, as well as *R* at McDonald's, who accepted PC and McDonald's cards.

We explained to several people that we are not able to provide sandwiches or hard-boiled eggs at this time, due to COVID protocols. One or two also asked about Kits showers program, but we said the status of community centres re-opening was still pending.

Thank you, all parishioners, for your continued support and donations that are used in this ministry.



CLOTHING REQUEST

A neighbour is seeking a woman's winter coat, size large, that covers the hips as well as women's winter boots, size 10. Please contact Suzi Noetzel at spnoetzel@me.com if you are able to fulfill this request.

VOLUNTEERS SOUGHT FOR NEW MARPOLE FOOD BANK

Kerrisdale Oakridge Marpole Community Policing Centre seeks volunteers for their new **Marpole Food Bank** at 6070 East Boulevard (at West 45th Ave)

Wednesdays 10am – 12pm: Separating the food

Wednesdays 7pm – 9pm: Bagging the food

Thursdays 10am – 12pm: Distributing the bags from behind your own work table where you leave the bag for collection, preserving distancing.

Distribution will be done with a limited number of people entering the building at a time.

Volunteers will be provided with PPE (hand sanitizer, gloves & mask).

All participants who are collecting bags will use hand sanitizer before entering the building.

Most participants also wear masks.

Volunteer Sign-up:

1. Click this link to SignUp.com: <https://signup.com/login/entry/467011763491322095>

2. Enter your email address. (You will NOT need to register an account on SignUp.com)

3. Choose your spots - SignUp.com will send you an automated confirmation and reminders.

Note: SignUp.com does not share your email address with anyone. If you prefer not to use your email address, please contact Kate Molloy who can sign you up manually and can answer any questions you have. Contact Kate Molloy at 604 717 3434 or komcpc@shaw.ca to receive waiver forms for youths & adults, along with the KOMCPC COVID-19 Safety Plan. All volunteers must sign & return the forms before taking part.



ST. PHILIP'S RINGERS

The St Philip's Ringers will call every parishioner over the next while to chat, ask if your needs have changed and if you now need a hand, and let you know that we are thinking about you all. If you can help us call parishioners, please volunteer with Suzi Noetzel: spnoetzel@me.com

Months of isolation, separation from loved ones, loneliness, uncertainty, and stresses at home can be heavy to bear when our usual joys and activities have been curtailed. Stuart asks you to call him at mobile 604-338-5636 if you or anyone you know needs a chat and support.

MESSAGE FROM GLENN SUTHERLAND

This letter came on Sept. 5 from Glenn Sutherland, prayer leader, reader, and member of St Philip's choir. Glenn has moved to Winnipeg to be with his wife Joan who moved there in the winter to care for her elderly mother during the Covid pandemic. For the while, he has to say farewell to St Philip's. We miss him and send him our love and prayers.

Hello St. Philip's and choir family:

I arrived safely in Winnipeg nearly a week ago, after 4 days of travelling (3 long driving days



mostly on non-main highways) and 1 layover day in Saskatchewan. As far as driving went, it is by far the easiest highway trip ever - the roads were essentially empty most of the way. One of the only advantages of COVID-19. I saw beautiful country all the way, making me realize how blessed we are in the riches, diversity and "givingness" of the land in western Canada. I chose routes I had not been on either at all or very seldom, such that I could see parts of W. Canada I had not previously.

Here is one example of the magnificence of western Canada - Mt. Robson in the early morning - close to the headwaters of the Fraser River:

Harvest is in full swing throughout the west, and appears to be a good crop too in most places.

I had a socially distanced trip - only contact(s) were to buy gas, and all of that was to protocol. I was fully self-sufficient in food. Fortunately, this is allowing me to date the isolation time here to the start of my trip (Aug. 26th), which will then be over Sept. 9.

It is very good to be reunited (socially distanced until the 9th) with Joan and able to offer tangible support, as well as morale support. Also to see my father and the rest of my family as well. Joan has had a long journey of her own the last 6 months.

The strange feeling of dislocation is stronger than I expected it would be, and is also lasting longer, although IS diminishing day-by-day as I adjust to a transition period in my/our lives. Gives me a tiny glimpse of what refugees must experience, except theirs would be MUCH greater than mine. Does wonders for one's sense of compassion.

I miss you all very much! My schedule hasn't settled down yet, but I hope to join the Zoom calls, if not this weekend then the next one.

All the best to St Philip's-
Glenn Sutherland



PRAYER LIST

Please pray for those who have asked for our prayers at this time: Ken and Greg, Maura and Brian, Nancy, Tracy and family, Douglas Bruce, Larry Hoad, Mike Lane, Brenda Harrison, Sarah Burns, Cynthia Howard and Richard Fenner. Let us pray for those who have died and for their friends and family bereaved by their loss.

MILESTONES

Let's share life's blessings with our parishioners as we recite the final prayer together.

GRATITUDE CONFETTI

Let's toss gratitude confetti on Pat Brandon, Duncan Wilson and Ash Noetzel for all their hard work in getting the Church ready for re-opening!!!



Staying Close While We're Apart,

Stuart Hallam (Rector), Debbie Matheson, Brian Mix, Diana Bragg, and Suzi Noetzel (Wardens)



The Diocese of New Westminster Reopening Phases

The Anglican Church of Canada www.vancouver.anglican.ca



Phase 1



Phase 2



Phase 3



Phase 4

Eucharist	Online only	Online only	In-person with restrictions	In-person, no intinction
Service of the Word	Online Only	In-person with restrictions	In-person with restrictions	In-person with no restrictions
Filming and Live Streaming Worship	YES, with restrictions	YES, with restrictions	Continue for those that cannot physically attend	Continue for those that cannot physically attend
Other Services	Permissible with tight restrictions	Permissible with tight restrictions	YES, allowing for physical distancing under 50 people	Unrestricted
Formation Fellowship, Fundraising And Pastoral Care	Online or telephone only	Online or telephone only	YES, allowing for physical distancing under 50 people	Unrestricted and some online recommended
Office building use	Limited Access	Limited Access	YES, allowing for physical distancing under 50 people	Unrestricted
Service and Outreach Initiatives	With permission from the Archbishop's Office	With permission from the Archbishop's Office	YES, allowing for physical distancing under 50 people	Unrestricted
User Groups and Rentals	Suspended or invited to suspend	Suspended or invited to suspend	YES, allowing for physical distancing under 50 people	Unrestricted